



Idealease Safety Bulletin

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Question of the Week?

What medical conditions can disqualify a commercial truck driver?

The truck driver must be medically qualified to not only drive the vehicle safely, but also to do pre and post trip safety inspections, secure the load and make sure it has not shifted. Bus drivers have different demands.

By regulation, Specific Medically Disqualifying Conditions Found Under 49 CFR 391.41 are Hearing Loss, Vision Loss, Epilepsy and Insulin Use.

Drivers who require a Diabetes or Vision exemption to safely drive a CMV in addition to those pre-printed on the certification form are disqualified until they receive such an exemption.

As a follow up question, must a driver who is returning from an illness or injury undergo a medical examination even if his current medical certificate has not expired?

Answer: The FMCSRs do not require an examination in this case unless the injury or illness has impaired the driver's ability to perform his/her normal duties. However, the motor carrier may require a driver returning from any illness or injury to take a physical examination. But, in either case, the motor carrier has the obligation to determine if an injury or illness renders the driver medically unqualified.

NEWS

A US DOT number is required to register a commercial motor vehicle in New Jersey. Carriers operating solely intrastate must have the DOT number to register their vehicle(s), but are not required to display the number on the vehicle.

The Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee will meet on March 12, 2008 at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Media Center, West Building, Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. 73 Federal Register 9157 (February 19, 2008). The committee makes recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator regarding motor carrier safety requirements, research and enforcement activities. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone wishing to participate will need to be pre-cleared in advance of the meeting in order to enter the building. By March 7, 2008, e-mail mcsac@dot.gov if you plan to attend the meeting to facilitate the pre-clearance process.

Upcoming Idealease Safety Seminars

February 26th

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